

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

NR: MRA
Woburn St HD

REA.134

Area <u>C</u>	Form no. <u>134</u>
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Reading

ss 192 Woburn St.

ric Name

Original Dwelling

Present Dwelling

ship: ☒ Private individual
Private organization

Public

Original owner Needham Nichols

DESCRIPTION:

to nearest
er buildings
res.

Date 1850

Source Assessors valuation list

Style Greek Revival

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Wood clapboard

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) Italianate
porch, east, 1873. South east ell
added; fenestration first floor, east.

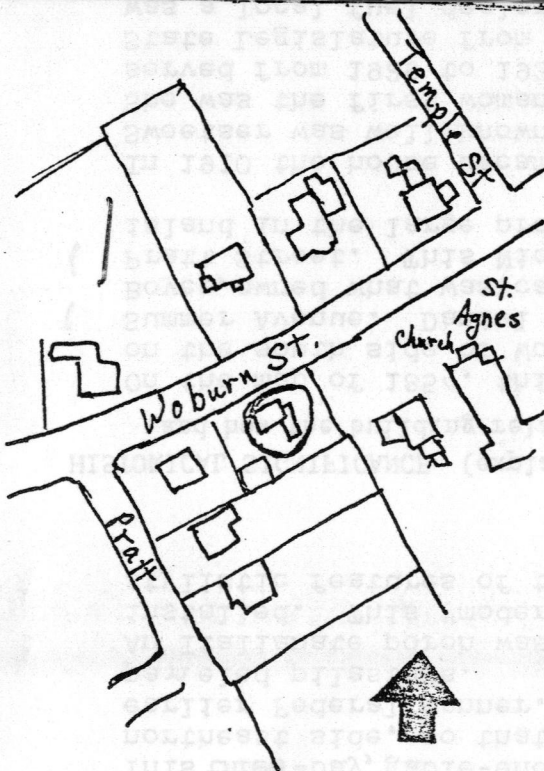
Moved Date

Approx. acreage 11,300 sq. ft.

Setting Faces north on Woburn St.

close to street behind

stone embankment.



Recorded by Architectural Preservation
Associates

Organization Reading Historical
Commission

Date November 1980

REVISED

Date 6/82

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within community)

This **three**-bay, gable-end Greek Revival house has a front door to the northeast side, so that the long side is parallel to the street in the earlier Federal manner. Heavily pedimented, it has long sidelights and paneled pilasters.

An Italianate porch was added, probably in 1873, and a double door installed. This "modernization" is in harmony with the original stylistic features of the house.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community)

On the map of 1854, this house appears to have been the only dwelling on the south side of Woburn Street between Washington Street and Summer Avenue. Daniel Pratt, and later his son-in-law, Benjamin Boyce, owned what was called Holdens pasture: Pratt gave his name to Pratt Street. This Nichols house shows, on the map of 1875, as an island in the large property.

In 1910 the house became the property of the Sweetser family. Mollie Sweetser was well known for her leadership in many civic organizations. She was the first woman elected to the Reading Board of Selectmen, and served from 1929 to 1933. She was a representative to the Massachusetts State Legislature from 1933 to 1936. Percy N. Sweetser, her husband, was a local fuel dealer for 46 years.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

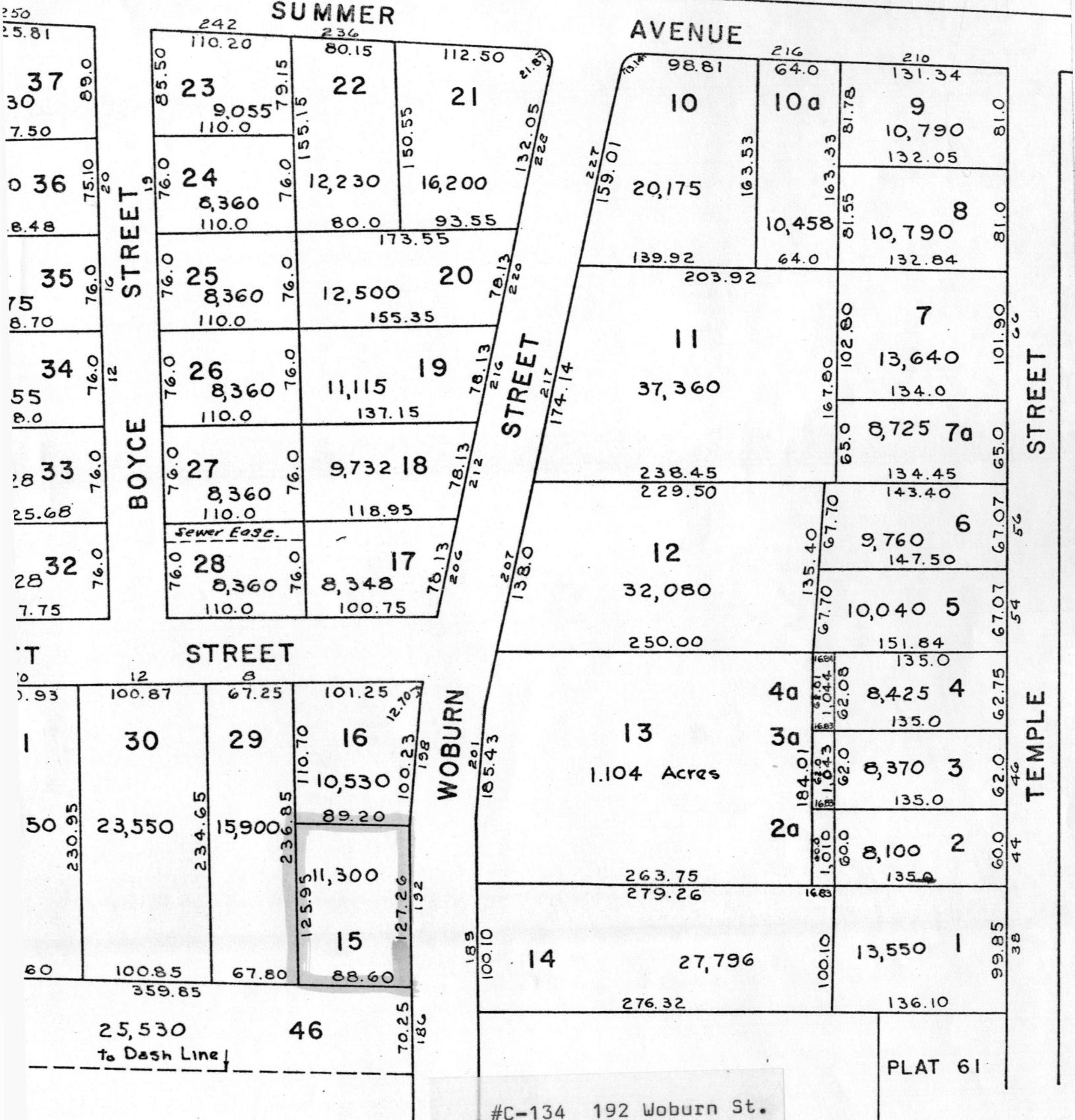
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Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Reading	Form No: C-134
Property Name: 192 Woburn St.	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

This property is significant (1) as part of the stylish Woburn Street neighborhood inhabited chiefly by executives and professionals; (2) for its connection with the locally important Nichols and Sweetser families, particularly selectman Hollie Sweetser; and (3) as an example of Greek Revival architecture updated during the Italianate period. It retains integrity of location, design, setting materials, workmanship, and feeling and meets Criteria A, B, and C of the National Register.



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294 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

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Woburn St 4B

REA 134

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Reading

Address 192 Woburn Street

Historic Name _____

Original Dwelling

Present Dwelling

Ownership: ☒ Private individual
Private organization _____

Public _____

Original owner N. Nichols '59.

DESCRIPTION:

Date c. 1831-54

Source _____

Style Greek Revival

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Wood clapboard

Outbuildings Garage

Major alterations (with dates) Italianate

porch addition east. South-east
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Moved _____ Date _____

Approx. acreage Under one acre

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Organization Reading Historical Commission

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Date November 30, 1980

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